IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: T. TANAKA et al

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For: AN ELECTRON DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD,

A PATTERN FORMING METHOD, AND A PHOTOMASK

USED FOR THOSE METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.